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Just now dodging seems to be the "paramount issue.

Still, there are men belonging to both

parties who would have a military post near Indianapolis if they could induce Con-The air is getting thick with politics as

election day approaches. A good many people will not be able to breathe freely until the day is over.

It was the New York Evening Post, which

like to support Mr. Bryan if it could, that spoke of "Bryan's insensibility to the disgrace" of dining with Croker. The world's wheat crop for 1900 is esti

mated at 2,500,000,000 bushels against 2,625, 440,000 bushels last year. And yet this mere fraction of 125,000,000 bushels is sufficient to make the price for the year. The only prominent person outside of th

Tammany organization who glories in 1s William Jennings Bryan. Even Mayor Taggart makes haste to dismiss the inti mation that he has Croker money The haling of Higgins before the grand

jury may be the beginning of a work which an end to the selling of votes and by persons connected with the city government. The general conviction the number of persons who are make" has increased during the past few years.

The revelations which the investigation lhelm murder have brought to light show that Indianapolis has a class of degraded and vicious men who are not known except to the police. How many of them are there in the city? Are they bereach of religious influences, or who are engaged in Christian work practically admit that they are be youd the reach of the gospel?

It is generally conceded by those wh are qualified to judge that a staff appointment prevented Colonel James R. Ross from attaining the rank and distinction have acquired had he continued in Indiana regiments. He posa conspicuous degree the qualities of a first-class soldier-soldierly tact, coursteadiness. No man did more to the National Guard in its earlier years than did Colonel Ross. He possessed in a high degree the winning quality of

of the 159 cities having a population of is that the smaller cities that the greatest gain in population which have become the seats acturing industries. When the cities and towns having popu growth in percentage will appear that the manufacturing indus the country are expanding instead of being concentrated in a few cities and comparatively few hands.

The end of the greatest strike in this considerable loss of life and disregard for congratulations and thankfulwould not have been possible ten years ago. It has been accomorganization, and organization which respects the laws of the land. The nich the national officers of the sociation have taught are of the alue, because they have proved ose officers had preached hatred prejudice instead of standing for the rights of the miners they would have anthracite region the scene of

Since John Sherman died, papers that m while he was bravely batfame in spite of their slanders ptible when these editors were of conspiracies with Wall far from that, all such praise to rob him of the confidence of the when he was rendering it th greatest service that any man ever did

medical guardians and health inspectors in the Health Association at its recent con-

vention in Indianapolis. The gentlemen problem to many that those writers who

Washington, D. C., has recommended the the schools in that city, each physician to be paid \$500 a year. This action will have to be ratified by Congress before it goes into effect, and the fact that Congress will also provide for paying the bills probably has semething to do with the board's liberality. The school directors in most cities have to count the cost of such innovations more closely.

### SEMI-OFFICIAL STATEMENTS.

Two or three points in the speech of Secretary Root, last week, deserve more than passing notice, because they present facts of history which have been denied by those who have made themselves the champions of Aguinaldo. The American friends of Aguinaldo, for instance, have been constantly declaring than an alliance was made with Aguinaldo at the outset | ing election. It is not thought that it will by Admiral Dewey. It has counted noth ing with these admirers of Aguinaldo that | interested in the questions involved, while Admiral Dewey, in the most positive manner, has denied, time and again, that no understanding of any character whatever was had with him. Now, Secretary Root presents a secret letter of instructions to a Filipino commission, written by the presi- lief. If there were a certainty of getting dent of Aguinaldo's Cabinet made that "the chief of the Philippine people has not made any agreement with the government of the United States." This should settle that point of the controversy once for all.

Again, Secretary Root quoted from letter of instructions to Aguinaldo's folmassacre all Americans. This letter bears the date of Jan. 9, 1899. He showed that, in accordance with the instructions, the friends of Aguinaldo in the city began to remove their families and goods from the city so that they might not be injured by the inevitable fighting, which was begun the night of Feb. 4 by a body of Filipinos marching across the American lines in spite of the sentinel's call to halt, with plan dated a month earlier. This statement, with the evidence, ought to satisfy those people who have been led to believe that the Americans began the fighting in

not been emphasized by a semi-official that Aguinaldo order to his army June 27 of the current year, directing the commanders of guerrilla bands to attack the American outposts and detachments and to continually molest them for the purpose of affecting th presidential election and for bringing about "the fall of the imperialistic party." This documentary proof that the fighting th past few months has been provoked by th anti-imperialists here ought to bring t their senses all good Americans who not desire to give aid and comfort to th guerrillas who are killing American so

Secretary Root also made it appear tha the Tagal George Washington is not much a patriot as a self-seeker, by callin attention to the fact that he sold out the cause of the insurgents to Spain for \$400,000 in hand and the promise of \$400,000 more. and that the insurrection was in progress before the battle of Manila had ceased and after the signing of the agreement betwee Aguinaldo and the Spanish authorities This statement has been made before, b Secretary Root quoted from the treaty be tween the Spanish and Aguinaldo, which contains proof of the agreement. Thi ought to dispose of the claim that Aguin aldo is fighting for the liberties of hi

# THREE NATIONS IN THE WORLD'S

AFFAIRS. The announcement of the Anglo-German compact regarding the future of China in sures a policy for which this government stood long before the hostile demonstration of the anti-foreign element in that country. For years the United States has been opposed to the breaking up of the Chinese empire. At the same time the tra ditional policy of this country would have prevented us from embarking in any line of action more hostile to the partition China among the European powers than protest. A year ago the impression pre vailed that all the European powers, except Great Britain, were intent on parc ing out the middle kingdom among them selves. Three years ago so strong was th conviction that China would be appropriated by Europe that Senator Teller startled the American people by declaring that the United States should enter into an alliance with Great Britain to prevent the partition of China and shutting out the United States from the commerce of the Orient. Since that date we have acquired title to the gateway to China, and other unexpected events have made us one of the nations which must be consulted when the disposition of those peoples, which are regarded as the wards of the dominant powers, is under consideration. It was the apprehension of the breaking up of Chin which led Secretary Hay to secure th 'open door" treaty with the European pow ers, by which the United States was cured all the commercial advantages of a other nations in every part of China, whon soever might hold it.

The "open door" policy was the American policy, and the American government was the first to declare for the integrity of Chinese territory and the open door When the American position was ar nounced the powers did not accept it with enthusiasm. It was not the result of cor ference, and, what was more objectionable to the masters of diplomacy, it was madpublic, whereas the traditional diploma would have held it a secret as long as pol icy required. But the point is that Germany and Great Britain have announced a compact which is identical with the po icy which the United States secured for itself so far as commerce is concerned, an for the territorial integrity of China, which was several months ago set forth as t

The importance of the German-Britis compact as relates to its influence un world-wide politics cannot be overestimated. The union of Germany and Great Britain upon the Chinese question means that their policy will prevail. No alliance that can be made in Europe against Great Britain and Germany can be effective, par ticularly when the moral influence of th support of the United States is behind The appointment of physicians to act as | them. Moreover, the action of those two powers upon the Chinese question seems to insure the peace of Europe. The disposition of China has seemed so difficult

are constantly seeing war clouds hovering over Europe have been predicting that the Chinese question would involve all Europe in war. The German-British compact spoils all such predictions. It may take a long time to adjust the complications China, but the settlement will not involve Europe in war. It may be added that whenever the governments of the world's three progressive peoples-the United States, Great Britain and Germany-agree upon a policy it will be carried into effect without bloodshed. These nations may not form an alliance, but they are very likely to see international problems in the same light, and in a light that will extend the blessings of civilization.

### CORRUPTING JURIES.

A proposition to amend the Constitution

of Kansas so that three-fourths of the members of a jury may return a verdict is to be voted on in that State at the com carry, voters generally not being especially lawyers themselves disagree as to the ad visability of the change. One judge of much experience, who is opposed to the measure, is quoted as saying that the proposed alteration would afford but little retwelve honest men into the jury box there could be no objection to the three-fourths rule where there is a mere honest difference of opinion, but it is his belief that many men either lack sufficient intelligence understand their duties as jurors, or else have a very erroneous idea of their duties. A "plugger," or corrupter of juries, would, he thinks, have no difficulty in preventing a mistrial under the three-fourths rule, the only difference being that it would be at a greater cost than where only one juryman was to be "fixed." This judge does not cherish the common objection to the one stubborn juryman who sometimes overrules the opinion of eleven men, but holds that while he may be corrupt, he may, on the other hand, be the honest man to save the case. "A majority is not necessarily intelligent or necessarily honest," he goes on determined to destroy Sodom, and spoke to Abraham on the subject, it was agreed that He would not destroy the town if Abraham could find 100 good men. Abraham got this figure reduced to fifty, then to twenty, and Still another point of interest which has then to five, the Lord promising that if he could find five good men He would withhole His destroying hand, And old Abraham couldn't find five even. He called out Lot and his wife, and even she looked back No, one honest man sometimes saves a case by taking a strong stand and explaining it to his weaker fellows." He says there is a great difference between circuit and federal courts in the matter of jury "fix ing." "When I go into the federal courts I never feel," he says, "that some deputy sheriff has plugged the jury." He offers no explanation for this difference, though the probable and obvious one is that many juries in the lower courts contain some "professionals," who seek such duties for the sake of possible bribes, whereas federal juries are more carefully chosen. A good many persons who have not carefully considered the matter would be likely to hold that the three-fourths rule is desirable, but it is certain that there is another side the question.

## THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

In the mere fact of forming an organizaion the members of the Indiana Library Association showed themselves to be possessed of the spirit of progress, and of a wish to work for the interests of the public. These members are for the most part men and women actively engaged in library work in the cities and towns of the State. Some of them have had the advantage of special training for their work in library schools of the East; some, in addition to this training, have had years of practical experience. Others, again, especially those in charge of new and smaller libraries where trained service cannot easily be secured, are feeling their way along, guided by their own judgment and such information as they can glean from the experience of others. Though, as with all other professions, the time never comes when the most skilled and intelligent librarian cannot learn something new in regard to the calling, or when an interchange of professional views is no profitable, it is the less experienced members who should gain most from the meetngs of the association. The library movement is but fairly getting under way in Indiana. In New England every town of any size, almost every village, has its public or subscription library as a matter of course; but in Indiana such institutions are only found in the larger towns, and not all of them. The improved methods in the public schools, however, and the organization of literary clubs have created a mand for books of reference and for technical and literary works which must in time inevitably bear fruit in the establishment of libraries wherever are to be found schoolhouses and progressive women-for. as a rule, the first steps in such enterprises are taken by women. Probably mo ventures in this direction would have been indertaken before now but for a lack of knowledge as to the methods of procedure and the character and cost of books needed as the foundation of such libraries. A practical result of education is not much the storing of facts in the mind the knowledge of where to find the facts when they are needed. This knowledge is of no value, of course, where books are not accessible, but a vast number of intelligent men and women who have lived remote from large collections of books have but the vaguest ideas as to the means of getting at desired information. They know it is in books, but do not know in what books. They are not even familiar with encyclopedias, because an encyclopedia an expensive work, not found in every household, nor in every schoolroom, nor even in every community. Many of the juestions that come to every newspaper which conducts a "query column" show the want of these useful volumes in the inquirer's neighborhood, and, with blind outreachings for information indicating the absence of books, are pathetic in a way. No one who knows books can look

It is as a school for persons seeking light in regard to the forming and operating even of the simplest libraries that this State association of librarians can find its greatest usefulness. What the experienced members should offer when they come together is the fruits of their experience in

upon being without them save as a m

knew that they could learn how to take the preliminary steps by coming to the meeting; if young librarians were sure of being told something about cataloguing, about reference work, about what to buy in making a little money go a long way, about the many technicalities of the business, they would not miss attendance. The association is doing good work in keeping alive the library spirit and in stimulating even the and better qualified members to their best efforts, but it has not yet reached its highest usefulness. Indianapolis, having largest and best-equipped public library in the State, is in good shape to serve as a center for this library movement. Its librarian and her staff are enthusiastic and ready to co-operate with outside workers in every practical way. The same is to be said of the State Library, except that its facilities are more limited. It may be that in time the association, with these institutions as a basis for illustration, if nothing further, will make its annual sessions of such practical value that they will serve as a school of instruction to all who wish technical knowledge.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES. Purdue University is doing good work in arranging for the holding of farmers' in stitutes in every county of the State. All intelligent, progressive farmers acknowledge the advantage of coming together oc casionally for interchange of views and discussion of the problems of agriculture, but in the absence of organization it requires considerable individual exertion to make such meetings possible or successful, and it is only in an occasional community that a man is found with sufficient enthusiasm to undertake the responsibility of getting them up. Such a movement needs the backing and stimulus either of formal organization or of an institution in sympathy with the farmer's work. This sympathy Purdue, being an agricultural college, has, of course. Its purpose is not merely to give its students the advantage of scientific and technical discoveries bearing on the farmer's calling, but to disseminate such knowledge freely among the farmers themselves. Also, it hopes for co-operation that in carrying on its experimental work it may have the benefit of the farmers' experience in similar directions. As a government experiment station it is doing much service to the agricultural interests of the State, and the more closely in touch with it the farmers come the greater will be the mu-

These institutes are profitable, not only in a business but in a social way. The great drawback to farm life is the lack of social intercourse. Anything that brings the farmers and their wives out of their homes into friendly communion is to be encouraged. If each of the county institutes held shall inspire those in attendance to arrange for like gatherings at more frequent intervals in their respective townships or neighborhoods it will serve a good purpose beyond the original intention.

The story that two men went through a German community in the southern part of the State taking the names of ablebodied men between eighteen and forty years of age, giving the impression that they were enrolling those liable to be called into the army, which was given out several weeks ago, has been repeated. It can be believed that men will stoop to such miserable devices to win votes, but it seems incredible that in a State which has such an excellent system of public schools there are those who can be duped by such a shallow device

Mr. Bernard Shaw, the versatile English writer, offers some unique views on the education of children. "Any person," h says, "trying to form the moral character of children ought to be drowned." By way of explaining this remark he goes on to say: "All progress depends on one generation being better than its predecessor. Therefore if there is to be any progress at all, it must be recognized that the children know better than the teachers. All persons derive the most important part of their education from children. One thing every boy and girl should be taught is how to jump on and off a tramcar without putting the driver to the trouble of stopping it. Then, too, one must know the alphabet so as to recognize the Underground railway station for which one is bound without having to keep questioning people." Mr. Shaw will hardly find himself in demand as a lecturer before Ameri-

schools where teachers learn how to teach. The drift of the comments in the New York papers on Maude Adams's presentation of "L'Algion" is that it is a great drama very inadequately played. With an evident effort to be kind to the young actress those critics who have established a reputation for fairness, and whose opinion is worth having agree that she is quite unequal to the character she undertakes. And they also agree that no blame attaches to her, but to the managers who forced her, with her gentle personality and absence of tragic possibilities, into such passionate dramas as "Romeo and Juliet" and Rostand's "L'Aiglon." But, notwithstanding what the critics say, the crowds go and applaud tremendously, and Miss Adams seems likely to repeat her financial success of the past season.

Miss Mary Wilkins, the story-writer, has not yet announced her marriage engagement to her friends, it is said. On the other hand, Dr. Freeman, her fiance, is offering such voluble explanations of the several postponements of the marriage that ne is in danger of conveying the impression that she does not mean to marry him at all. A little judicious silence would become the New Jersey doctor.

# LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. Kipling's forthcoming novel, "Kim of the Rishti," is a long one. It is to run as a serial for eleven months, beginning with next January.

It is understood that among the books upon which Mark Twain is at work is one upon "The Origin of Hums said, is nearing completion. "The Origin of Humor." This, it is

Mr. Thomas Hardy loves the serenity of that Wessex which he has made immortal. ondon sees him little. He and Hardy, whose reading is so useful to his novels, go cycling along the roads of the Wessex which the author of "Tess" has

Twenty years have been spent-and also \$200,000-on compiling and printing the British Museum Authors' Catalogue. It is contained in four hundred volumes and seventy supplements and is complete up to the end of 1899. Having ended this work, the staff which has been engaged upon it is benning the compilation of a subject index. This will occupy fully ten years.

In a recent newspaper interview Mr. James Whitcomb Riley said that many alented writers failed of success because they wrote for their literary friends and then wonder why their books do not sell. Their literary friends do not buy h study the public and what it wants, he cost of some very pretentious export

Mr. George Gissing, who is slowly win ing recognition, reads the Latin and Greek classics, and loves music. He has more than once in his stories expressed a pious hope that the nether world may be redeemed by music. Some of the most ular women who write take their recreation in music. Mrs. Craigie not only likes music, she has played in public. She was ago, played the plano-forte together, the other two being Lady Randolph Churchill

and Mile. Janotha. Young Mr. Burton Harrison, who is now a graduate student of Yale in English a Confederate standpoint. This, because of the fact that his father was private secretary to Jefferson Davis, is a matter of note. Mr. Harrison should inherit literary aspirations from his talented mother. Mrs Frances Burton Harrison, who is a bright contributor to periodical literature. It is said, however, that Mr. Harrison's ambitions have been fostered by his bride, who was Miss Mary Crocker, daughter of the California millionaire.

### BUBBLES IN THE AIR.

The Zest of Departure. Full blithe cicada's voice in 'wakening spring; But, ah, in autumn hear the rascal sing!

Along the Road. To disconcert the fates make this thy way-Whate'er thy work may be, pretend 'tis play.

That New York Passing Show. When Bryan dined with Croker at twelve late, oh, then, he pondered: "Will I ever se the likes of this again?"

Not a Perfect Round Up. "There are no editors on that list of America's ost famous men."

America's most famous men.' The Other Wrangle.

## He brought up Indian summer, but as argumen

"Is that so? Well, then, it isn't a list of

frowned him down and asked if he thought frost made leaves turn red.

## Spotters.

Don't seek your faults, 'tis waste of time For all around you, without doubt, Are folks who nurse one aim sublime-To come to you and point them out.

Footnotes. Prosperity is a merry-go-round; we can't all

Man yearns for novelty; but he won't take the rouble to get up and see the October sun rise. The world is full of people who are smart, but haven't really got sense.

The sawbuck sage says there is something in all things if we can only get at it.

October is the hardest month in the whole year; so much indoor work to be done, and so nuch outdoor fun going on. Viewed with a scientific eye, people in large

litted act more like crazy people than the people Man may depose his ideal woman; but woman shuts her eyes and pretends even to herself that

It is well to respect other people's limitations until you have indisputable evidence that you tnow everything yourself.

As a valuable campaign document the pumpkin ole has heretofore been overlooked.

No philosopher carries out his own formulas f he did he wouldn't have time to get them up.

### WISDOM OF CURRENT FICTION. We are only children when we are not

acting .- Until the Day Break. What the eagle fails to see the earthworm knows.-Until the Day Break.

If everybody could understand us, what joy there would be in discovering our souls to those whom we love'-Robert Orange. The best way for a woman to treat her soul is to realize that her soul and body belong together, and have to live together the rest of her natural life .- A Furnace of

We all think that every other nation would fain be English, but as all other us, there is perhaps no harm done.-The Isle of Unrest.

Nothing is so deceptive as human reasoning-nothing so slippery and reversible as what we call "logic." The truest com pass of life is spiritual instinct.-The Master Christian.

Beauty must be the first law of life to the sex that has not the privilege of choosing. Under the circumstances, it is surprising how much of plainness women have preserved .- The Bacillus of Beauty. Whatever the history of the French may

be, it has never been dull reading, and France has shown the whole world that one may carry a brave and a light heart out of the deepest tragedy.—The Isle of Unrest. Women in every disappointment always look for some future change of circum stance favorable to their wishes. No mat ter how nominal, shallow and delusive this faith may be, it sustains them through

The man's power goes into the thing he does, whether it is a word or a deed, and a is how he gets his immortality, and is proved to have been good or bad .- The Dishonor of Frank Scott.

# ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS.

The exiled and hopeless author of "Lady Windermere's Fan" now signs his literary cutput Sebastian Melnotte. Though Joel Chandler Harris has left the Atlanta Constitution, his family

still represented on the staff, his son, Evelyn, being city editor, and his son, Julian, managing editor. G. W. Northrup, professor of church his-

tory and theology, is seventy-four years

of age, but continues to teach and lecture as usual, and does not need any assistan in his constantly growing work. Bishop Potter, of New York, is not a college graduate and though a learned man never attended any college. Yet his grand-

father was a president and his father and

brother were vice presidents of Union Col-

Winston Spencer Churchill, the famous English newspaper writer and soldier, so of Mrs. Cornwallis West, will arrive in New York on November 8. Lieutenant Churchill will start around the country on a lecturing tour.

Henri de Blowitz, the famous Paris correspondent of the London Times, although of Jewish stock, is a devout Roman Catholic, and strenuously denies the recent, rumors of his recanting. His connection with the Times dates from 1871.

When Frank Leslie was dying he asked his wife to make every effort to pay all his debts. These were extremely large, but Mrs. Leslie now announces that every penny has been paid. "During the first year," she says, "I lived in a garret, and spent only \$30 on myself. But I have paid

Paris probably boasts of the most advanced appliances of the gas cooking in dustry. In the Polytechnic School there a gas range capable of taking care of f egs of mutton, 110 fowls or 250 cutlets. It the Grand Magasin du Bon Marche there is a range nearly fifteen feet long, five and a half feet high and nearly three feet deep, on which 650 cutlets can be handled at one

George Francis Train lives in a very small room at one of the Mills hotels in New York, and has not left the building for months. He gets out of bed every morning between 4 and 5 o'clock and spends early all his waking hours in re ers. About 6 o'clock in the ng he is ready to retire for the night The former millionaire says that when Transsiberian Railroad is completed will "belt the world in thirty days."

The total cost of the Buffalo expo sciusive of exhibits, is now est

"MODERN FABLES," by George Ade.

THE MODERN FABLE OF CYRIL, THE WOULD-BE, WHO GOT HIS WISH AND MET ONE AFTER THE SHOW

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Once upon a time there was a Tender Boy who was half way between knickerbockers and the University Glee Club. His name was Cyril and his Folks lived in the first Stone Castle at the right as you entered

Easy Street. Cyril's Governor was a two-handed Fighter, who had an office in the Street given over to Tickers and Blackboards and Good Things. The Governor had gone to the Mat and been through the Ropes and taken the Count several times, but he was Game and would not be denied his share of the Loot. By the time Cyril was old enough to smoke Egyptian Cigarettes without getting dizzy Cyril's Governor had so much money that he could use it for filling Sofa Pillows and washing Windows.

To a Young Man in the habit of buying 21 Meal Checks for \$3.75 it would seem that Cyril should have been very happy. House was full of Servants who tried to anticipate his slightest Wish. He had Cameras and Ponies and a gauzy Canopy over his little Bed and more than a Gross of Scarf Pins. He had obedient Tutors to come to the House and try to pump knowledge into him without any Effort on his part. If he complained of a Headache or was Peevish at the Breakfast Table his Mamma knew there must be something wrong with the City Air, so she would take him under her Wing and away they would go to the Adirondacks or the Sea Shore or Europe. Cyril had been to Europe twice, and to prove that he was a Bright Boy he could tell the rame of the Ship they had come back on, and he knew that the Hotel

in Paris began with an R. Although the Earth and the Fullness thereof were laid in front of Cyril, and although Papa applied the Squeeze to the Little Fish every Day or two to get more funds with which to buy Tutors and Automobiles for him, the Boy was not Happy.

As an Example: Sometimes he would work for an Hour to get his Bat-Shaped Ties just right, so the Ends would Ralance, and if he could not do it he would feel Moody and Discouraged, and the tears would come to his Eyes, and he would think that the Fates had conspired to lay Tribulation on his Young Shoulders.

Or he would put on a pair of Passionate Hose with the stripes running up and down, and he would go out with his Trousers reefed up, so that all might see, and he would meet another Boy whose Socks were Checked, and he would wonder if Perpendicular Stripes had ceased to be the Thing. The Clouds would gather over him with not a Rift to let the Sunshine through, and he would regret that he had

Perchance he would see on the Drive a new style of Cart several Feet higher than any of his, and he would bite his nails and feel sure that the other Boys were trying

And he had more than his share of Grief

and Disappointment when it came to selecting Hat Bands or making the Tailor get the proper Bell Effect on his Coats, so that they would stand out all the Way around. However, the One and Consuming Sorrow of his Young Life was that he had never met a Real Actress. He had purchased their Fhotographs, and he had even gone so far as to send Flowers, but he had never actually met one, so as to have her Speak to olm. That was what he wanted. One of his friends, named Paul, had ridden on a Train once with a Company playing "A Runaway Girl," and had opened a window for Virginia Earle, who had thanked him countries have a like pitying contempt for | with her own Lips. Consequently Paul was the genuine It when the boys got together in Cyril's Den to look at the Pictures and talk about which one they liked Best.

> Cyril dreamed one Night that he had Lillian Russell riding with him in his Stanhope, and that Edna Wallace Hopper and Madge Lessing stood on the Corner and threw Violets at them as they rode past, and that all the other Boys were shriveled with Envy. When he Awoke he was so Blue he had a notion to leave Home and

so that by comparison one may gain a very | American publishers, and declares that he fair idea of the work which Buffalo is carrying rapidly to completion. A beautiful andscape comprising, 350 acres, half a mile wide and a mile and a quarter long, is devoted to this wonderful enterprise. J. M. Barrie, the novelist, did not shine

he was a student at Edinburgh University, but in regard to metaphysics he had one notable triumph. He convinced a medical student-the most unimpressionable of all human beings-that he (the embryo sawbones) had no actual existence. "He go quite frightened," said Mr. Barrie in relating the incident, "and I can still see his white face as he sat staring at me in the gloaming. This shows what meta-

It is said that the wife of the present Khedive of Egypt is unusually happy among Eastern women, in being the only and beloved wife of a husband whose greatest pleasure is to gratify her wishes. She is by birth a Christian, with all the beauty and spirit of her people, and is thoroughly European in all her tastes and mode of living. European governesses educate her children, European servants fill her house, she wears none but European garments. She emulates the European in everything, even to the point of obtaining an education for herself

Success is like a load of hay; One has to climb to get on top, And then if he attempts to ride With idle legs hung o'er the side, There comes a jolt, a clutch, a slide-And down he goes, kerflop! -Chicago Times-Herald.

In letters large the name is writ Of him who owns the show. The actor's name in smaller type Though he may make it go. The name of him who staged the piece Is printed very small, While what the author's name may be, One cannot learn at all. -Detroit Journal.

#### Literary Notes. Chicago Times-Herald.

These are busy days for the authors. Opie Read has taken something for that tired feeling, and is going on the stump for Mark Twain has talked for nothing at New York charity bazaar.

William Dean Howells will occupy the

Easy Chair" for Harper's and write with quill pen in future. Frank R. Stockton has a sore thumb. James Whitcomb Riley denies the report hat he once played football under an as-Lilian Bell's cable address is "Bellbogue,

New York. We have been unable to learn Mrs. Paul Leicester Ford intimates that whatever her husband's practice may have en in the past, he will not go outside of the family for his heroines in the future. Henry James indignantly denies that he going to reside in Boston. Mary E. Wilkins is going to get married

as soon as she finishes a novel that she now as well under way. Some men have fame Frank L. Stanton admits that he still has he 35 cents he received for his first long

Merie Corelli says it's a lucky thing for Cil Caine that he isn't a woman. oth Tarkington is busy writing a story e chtitled "A Gentleman From Kenicky." He has rigged up a study in a dis-llery, for the purpose of getting local at-

Rudyard Ripling has begun suit assing

the Treasurer of a Theater at Cash Girl," and one Day the Treasurer happened to ask Cyril if he would like to drop in at Miss Effingham's Apartments some Night after the Performance. Cyrtl almost Fainted with Joy and told the Attache to name a Night. The Treasurer said he would speak to Miss Effingham.

go on the Stage, just so that he could be

But Everything Comes to him who is or

the Lookout. Cyril became acquainted with

Cyril did not touch the Ground at all when he went home that Day.

He had seen Hortense on the Stage many a time. She was a vivacious little Blonde just as saucy and scampery as she could be. All the Fellows had her Picture. And he was going to Sup with her after the Show! He wondered what Paul would say

The Night was Set. Cyril did not dare to let his parents know of the proposed Racket, so he said he was going to a Party. He touched his Father and Mother and the Coachman for Money and emptied his Savings Bank, and got together \$18 in case they had to send out for more Champagne and Clgarettes. He knew it was going to be a Wild Revel, for he had heard the Stories.

In his limited Experience he had learned that the Nicest Families often break Glass. ware and do the Cake Walk when they get together after the Theater, and he figured that if Respectable Society People went as fas as that, then the gay Professionala would probably turn Flip-Flops over the Piano and use an Axe on the Furniture. He was in for a Perfect Tear, but he knew he would have to see it through, so he could Tell about it afterward.

On the Appointed Evening he wore Full Dress, because in all the pictures of Men Footlight Favorites he had noticed that the Long-Tailed Coat went.

That Evening he was in Front at the Theater, and as he watched Hortense Effingham flit and twitter and win the Plaudits of the discriminating metropolitan Audience he kept thinking to himself, "Little do these People sitting around me suspect that I am going to take Supper with her." It seemed almost too Good to be True. Cyril and the Attache of the House had

to walk around for a while after the Show, to give Hortense time to get off her Make-Up and arrive at the Flat. Then they went up and when they rang the Bell Cyril could hear his Heart beat. He expected to have his hat kicked off just as he stepped in, but he didn't propose to Let On They were welcomed by a pleasant little Woman with Dark Hair. Cyril caught the

name as Mrs. Miller. She said her Husband would be out in a Minute. After she went away the Friend explained to Cyril that Effingham was her Stage Name, and then Cyril began to understand that Mrs. Miller was Hortense and that the Wig makes a Difference. She came back with Mr. Miller, whom

Cyril recognized as the Leader of the Orchestra. Aslo, there was a Tall Boy of about Cyril's Age. Mrs. Miller said it was her Son, who was home on a Vacation. She hoped that he and Cyril would be Great Friends. Mrs. Miller told Cyril she knew his Father

quite well, as he had handled several Investments for her. She said he was a Lovely Man. Then she asked Cyril whih he liked better, Hall Caine or Marie Corelli, and he said he thought both of them were all right. He was lucky to be able to say that much. He didn't know whether he was On Foot or Horseback After that they had a little Lunch of Crackers and nice, rich Milk. Cyril was the

only one present who wore Evening Mrs. Miller's Son showed Cyril his Book of Kodak Pictures and they had a little Music, and then it was Time to go Home. Mrs. Miller asked Cyril if he had Car Fare and he told her he had. He still had \$18.

He went home feeling Puzzled, but Re-MORAL-Don't believe all you Hear. spectable. He was full of Milk.

has "a style which is peculiar to himself." Hobart Chatfield Chatfield-Taylor will spend the winter in the East because he can get away as well as not Joel Chandler Harris, who has never witnessed a theatrical performance, threatens to see "East Lynne" this season if he can

work the box office for a pass. Robert Herrick, author of Life" and other stories in which he mentions the names of many Chicago streets, has refused to be interviewed on the use of slang in the college classroom. Professor Herrick, like Iser, is rolling rapidly Hamlin Garland has succeeded in writing

a sixty-page description of a farmer's wife washing dishes. A Wisconsin poet who is not represented In Stedman's Anthology has bought a copy of that work. Henry Harland is writing a story in which Napoleon figured as one of the cen-

tral characters. Henry always was a great fellow for trying new things. Edwin Markham is getting out a new book of poems on labor and building a \$2,000,000 house on Fifth avenue, New York. Maurice Thompson is learning to whistle "Oh, don't you remember Sweet Alice,

# The Latest Discovery.

Harper's Weekly. Another discovery, which is important if true, is reported from Paris. We are told in the New York Sun that two French chemists, Drs. Degrez and Balthazard, have learned by accident that bioxide of sodium will purify air so that it may be breatned over and over again. The discoverers, the story goes, sealed up animals in air-tight receptacles, along with lumps of bioxide of sodium, and found that they breathed indefinitely without embarrassment. Then they put a diver's helmet, lined with bioxide of sodium, on a man, and found he could stay under water as long as he chose without fresh air. The chemical explanation of the phenomenon is that bloxide of sodium absorbs the carbon from carbonic-acid gas and sets free pure oxygen. This sounds a little like the inventions that ingenious writers use to adorn tales of the remote future, but it is gravely told in a veracious newspaper. This bioxide of sodium, if it is al. it is cracked up to be, will be great stuff for divers, and for submarine boats, and for miners, and hospitals, and slum tenement houses, schools, theaters, and all crowded

### In Every Newspaper Office. Philadelphia Record.

In every newspaper office there are two

or three clannish young men who aspire to literary honors. They chafe under the restrictions which the iron-clad rules of the office impose upon them and sigh for the laurels of authorship. As a rule they are very young men. who tell each other that they are too good for mere newspaper work. They long for the time when they will be in a position to do what they call book publishers will eagerly seek the results of their inspirations. They fail to see that instead of graduating its men into the field of literature the modern newspaper is gradually drawing to itself men from the field of legitimate literature. The natural inference is that more money may be made from newspaper writing than from any other kind of composition. Julian Ralph, Richard Harding Davis, Stephen Crane and Harold Frederic are instances diterary men who have always been gla won a certain measure of fame to do news-paper work almost exclusively are Julian Hawthorne, Edgar Saltus, Edgar Fawcett and Ella Wheeler Wilcox. And there are